

SUICIDE— ITS CAUSES AND CURES.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan Preaches
on the Sin of Self-
Murder.

He Considers His Grewsome Subject From Various Standpoints.

Rev. J. A. Cruzan of the North Berkeley Congregational Church preached last Sunday evening on Self-Murder. Said he: "Opinions have differed, do differ widely. The Stoics held suicide justifiable, while

offense.

“But the old English law made suicide a serious crime; the suicide's property was forfeited to the crown; his body denied Christian burial, was interred at midnight at the forks of a road, with a stake driven through the corpse. This law was not repealed until about 300 hundred years ago. English law today holds suicide to be felony, the attempt to commit it a misdemeanor, and the suicide's property is still forfeited.

* In the United States the laws vary some of our commonwealths follow England and make a suicide

a felony, but in most of the states the law takes no cognizance of suicide. There has been, in late years, a revival of the old stoic philosophy, that suicide is, in some cases praiseworthy. It will be remembered that within the past two years a prominent Oakland clergyman advocated the right of suicide in the case of persons suffering with incurable diseases. But God's word is clear and explicit: "Thou shalt not kill," should stay the hand of every suicide. One's life is not his own. Suicide is self-murder. It is a cowardly desertion of the part assigned; it is a shirking of responsibility; a

"There has been during the last few years an alarming increase in the number of suicides. This is true of the entire world, but especially marked in civilized countries."

The speaker then proceeded to enumerate some of the causes of the crime, such as climate, predisposition, insanity, the high pressure under which we labor, the struggle for existence, disregard for human life etc.

"As for a cure of the mania," said the speaker, "keep out of the fatal

moderately, sanely. The man who enters on extra-hazardous speculations to make a fortune quickly, puts his money, his honor, his life

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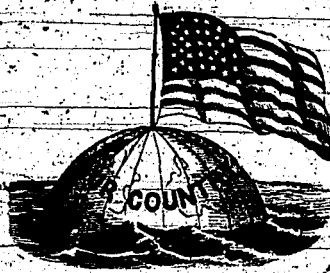
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AN AMOOSIN' LITTLE CUSS.

The intellectual toddler whose attempts to edit the world excite so much mirth is, as usual, laboring under a misapprehension. Saturday night he devoted over a column of his alleged newspaper to a denial of this paper's charge that a canvasser for the world had collected a dollar the price of an advertisement inserted by a young lady, to whom the canvasser conveyed the impression that the "ad." was to appear in the GAZETTE.

Now when people such as those connected with the world are caught in trouble they generally try to extricate themselves by lying, and if the small boy editor (?) had stopped with that the GAZETTE would have said no more, for the facts have been published heretofore. But the editor (?) didn't know when to stop so he indulged in a little personal abuse evidently imagining our remarks concerning parasites and legpullers were leveled at him. He flatters himself. It requires some degree of ability and intelligence to be a successful parasite so it will be seen he could not have been referred to. Nevertheless he has his functions, though to be sure they consist solely of being led by a string attached to his collar, tripping about, and barking when ordered by his masters. Sometimes when real angry he frothes at the mouth, dances about on his hind legs, and runs around snapping at the heels of passersby.

His mental capacity may be gauged by a perusal of the article he scribbled Saturday evening. In one place he asserts that the article which aroused his puny wrath was written by the editor of the GAZETTE, in another place he asserts it was indited by the manager. Then again according to his story the canvasser did mention the name of his paper and the next day the advertiser saw a copy of the GAZETTE, still the "very weedy young man," as Sam Weller would say, insists with ridiculous gravity that the advertiser did not know there are two daily publications in Town. Really that would be newspaper man is, like Artemus Ward's kangaroo, an amoosin' little cuss.

SCHOOL SANITATION.

The absolute necessity of improving the hygienic condition of our school rooms is rapidly becoming apparent. Of late years the study of the science of bacteriology has exposed many deadly perils, previously unsuspected, to which children are subject. Like all reformers, the men who discovered these dangers and attempted to introduce counteractive measures met with ridicule. Self-supposed wis- at-

tempted to lampoon, while chronic kickers wrote long letters to the newspapers denouncing the proposed reforms as ridiculous and extravagant. Nevertheless the march of progress cannot be stayed. Philadelphia, which is in many respects a model city has taken up the campaign, as the following from a correspondent in that city to the New York Medical News shows: "The wave of reform which has of late swept over the health authorities of this city has extended to those having school matters in charge. Prodded on by the official hints from the former as to the need of radical improvements in the hygiene of the schoolroom, the latter officials having decided to further school sanitation by furnishing each pupil with an individual drinking-cup, by providing separate receptacles which may be antiseptized for each student's pencils and other paraphernalia, by prohibiting the decoration of rooms occupied by classes with potted plants and vines, and by directing that the schools in infected districts be scrubbed out weekly with carbolic acid solutions."

The correspondent then adds the following excellent advice: "These details, while essential and valuable prophylactic measures, to be really effective must be supplemented by a conscientious attention to school lavatories and drains, and to energetic instruction tending to impress upon the pupils (and their parents) the value of personal cleanliness and hygiene. Until the latter is done, no amount of antiseptizing and inspecting will prevent contagious diseases spreading from pupil to pupil."

It is to be hoped that if the coming bond election carries the Board of Education, before erecting the new building, will give the subject the consideration it merits.

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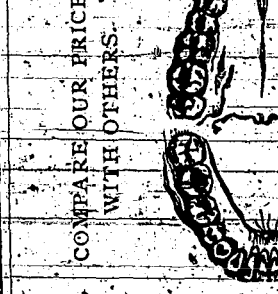
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The exercises, which were presided over by Edward Coleman, included a program of musical selections by the Harmony Choral Club, scriptural readings and prayers, and an address by President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University, on the subject, "The Strength of Being Clean."

INTERCOLLEGIATE SCHEDULED

Stanford and U. C. Baseball Managers Agree.

The intercollegiate baseball schedule has at last been arranged. On Saturday last Manager George L. Cross met with the Stanford Manager Frank V. Keesling at the Palace Hotel and the two agreed upon the dates when the Blue and Gold teams should meet. The Cardinals of Stanford upon the diamond. The days set were Saturday April 9, 10 and 30, and the games will be played at Recreation Park. It was only after long discussion that Manager Cross, who held out for the 2, 9 and 16 of April would agree to this schedule. The Stanford manager claimed that April 2 would fall within the Easter vacation, and, ignoring the fact that April 30 is in examination week, refused to accept any other than the schedule adopted.

The final acceptance of this schedule throws the intercollegiate field day upon Saturday, April 23.

The brick work on the Alameda College Buildings has been completed. The interior is now being finished.

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